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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is requested. The fees to be charged applicant are based upon applicant's assumption of entry of this preliminary amendment. Additionally, the fee (\$1,000.00) shown on the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371 reflects the new fees to be charged as a result of the signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818) and is broken down herein as Basic National Stage Fee: \$300.00; National Stage Search Fee: \$500.00; and National Stage Examination Fee: \$200.00.

For the specification, applicant has amended the specification to indicate that the application is a National Stage patent application from PCT/EP2003/006264.

For the claims, applicants filed amended claims under Article 34 of the PCT. Applicants have further amended claims 1 to 8 to remove multiple dependencies and have also added new claims 9 to 26 to further define the invention. In identifying the status of the claims, applicant has made the assumption that the amended claims filed under Article 34 of the PCT are to be considered the "original" claims.

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The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned if there are issues with the preliminary amendment to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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